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I FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT STEP. WHILE CAN SEE ADVANTAGE TO CONTINUATION OF TALKS, ANY DISPOSITION ON OUR PART TO EXPLORE FURTHER SOY THINKING COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY THEM IN VIEW OF RIGID POSITION THEY HAVE TAKEN. THEY HAVE TABLED FREE CITY PROPOSAL EVEN THOUGH ALREADY TOLD IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE COULD OF COURSE TABLE PAPER ON INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE REJECTED IT. AM INCLINED BELIEVE WE SHOULD STATE THAT THEIR PROPOSAL DOES NOT LEAVE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THEIR THINKING CLEARLY IS TO LEAVE.

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IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH BRITISH AMB TODAY OF MY  
LAST TALK WITH GROMYKO

I POINTED OUT GROMYKO MADE NO REAL EFFORT TO PROBE OUR  
POSITION ON "OTHER QUESTIONS" AND ROBERTS INCLINED  
AGREE WITH POINT 5 MYTEL 1933.

IN FURTHER STUDY OF MY TALK, ALMOST ONLY NEW POINT I CAN  
FIND IS INDICATION OF BOV WILLINGNESS CONTINUE MAN  
(TEMPORARILY) CHECKPOINT ODR BORDER AFTER CONCLUSION  
FREE CITY AGREEMENT. I FIND IT SOMEWHAT CURIOUS THAT  
GROMYKO ASKED NO QUESTIONS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY  
IDEA EVEN FOR PURPOSE OF BEING IN BETTER POSITION TO BRICK  
IT DOWN.

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WHILE CAN SEE ADVANTAGE TO CONTINUATION OF TALKS, THE  
DISPOSITION ON OUR PART TO EXPOSE FURTHER BOV DURING  
ROAD OF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT IN VIEW OF WHICH BRITISH  
WEY ARE... EVEN THOUGH...  
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BERLIN TO MERCY OF EAST GERMANS AND THAT PERHAPS WE SHOULD TURN TO  
DISCUSSION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THEY SIGN SEPARATE TREATY IN  
ORDER TO STOP HIGHLY DANGEROUS SITUATION.

I SHOULD THINK THAT WHEN PRESENT SOVIET POSITION BECOMES KNOWN PUBLIC OPINION IN FRANCE AND US WOULD BE SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE MADE REASONABLE EFFORT FIND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SHOULD THINK THIS PROBABLY ALSO TRUE OF WEST GERMANY. SOME PROBLEM WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN HOWEVER FOR BRITISH. ASSUMING SOVIET POSITION WOULD NOT DEPART VERY FAR FROM THAT TAKEN BY GROMYKO, PARTICULARLY ON KEY POINT OF ACCESS; IT SEEMS TO ME THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR MACMILLAN-HOME VISIT TO MOSCOW SINCE FAILURE OF SUCH MISSION SHOULD ENABLE US PRESENT REALLY UNITED FRONT. POINT ON WHICH BRITISH THEMSELVES MOST LIKELY BE SOFT, NAMELY RECOGNITION QDR, WOULD PROBABLY ITSELF NOT BE ENOUGH TO GET SOVIETS TO AGREE TO ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS AND I WOULD DOUBT THAT BRITISH WOULD RISK IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BREAK IN POLICY WITH OTHER WESTERN POWERS PARTICULARLY US.

ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE ADENAUER INVITATION TO KHRUSHCHEV. AT OUR LAST AMBASSADORS' MEETING KROLL SAID ADENAUER PERSONALLY DISLIKED NEGOTIATING WITH KHRUSHCHEV AND MUCH PREFERRED DEAL WITH MIKOYAN. KROLL EXPLAINED TO HIM THIS WOULD NOT BE MEANINGFUL, FROM WHICH I TAKE IT THAT QUITE POSSIBLY KROLL HAD ADVOCATED KHRUSHCHEV-ADENAUER MEETING. ADENAUER-KHRUSHCHEV MEETING, WHICH WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY FAIL, WOULD STILL LEAVE US WITH PROBLEM OF BRITISH OPINION.

MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND KHRUSHCHEV IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SEEMS TO ME OUT OF QUESTION AND SHOULD BE HELD IN RESERVE.

DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER CALLING ME MORE FOR INFORMATION  
FOLLOWING MY NEXT TALK WITH BROWDER RE: A POSSIBLE CHANGING  
LINE, DEPENDING ON NATURE THIS CONVERSATION

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